(c) In addition to the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989, a set of rules entitled, "Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996" for setting up 4-tier crisis management system at Centre, State, District and Local Level was notified in 1996. Such units are also regulated under the Factories Act, 1948, amended 1987 and other relevant acts like Explosive Act, 1884, amended 1983, the Petroleum Act, 1934 etc.

Notification for Setting up of Tariff Panel

555. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued a Notification for setting up an independent Tariff Panel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the panel has since been constituted; and

(d) if so, the details of the constitution including the terms and conditions so fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have constituted an independent Tariff Commission.

(b) The details of its constitution have been notified in the Gazette of India—Extraordinary on 3rd Sept. 1997.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Chairman of the Tariff Commission has already been appointed. Appointment of Member Secretary, Members etc. are underway.

(d) The terms of reference of the Tariff Commission shall be as follows:—

(i) To render advice and make recommendations as an expert body, on matter referred to it by Government regarding fixation of tariff and all tariff related issues in relation to traded goods, keeping inview the interests of the industrial and production sectors, export and import trade and consumers.

(ii) To render on issues referred to it by Government on classification of goods and products along with the applicable tariffs on such goods and products.

(iii) To carry out technical studies on cost of production of different goods and services and their competitiveness in relation to other countries so as to generate data and parameters relevant to tariff fixation.

(iv) To undertake such other tasks as may be assigned by Government from time to time.

(v) To present an annual report to Government of its activities.

Fire in Scope Complex

556. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire in SCOPE complex on 1st October, 1997 destroyed all the important papers relating to the Urea Scam;

(b) whether this will have an adverse affect in bringing the culprits to book; and

(c) whether the cause of the fire has been established?;

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) As per the assessment of the management of National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL), no document of material significance relating to the case of the contract for import of urea from M/s. Karsan Ltd. of Turkey was destroyed in the fire which broke out in the Corporate Office of the company in the SCOPE Complex on 2.10.97.

An investigation into the incident by the CBI has been ordered.